

Lake & Wildlife Executive Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2024

Club Tamarack- Fireside Room

Call to Order: Brian called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

Roll Call: Present - Brian Vassar, Rick Patterson, Denise McCabe, Carolyn LaHatte, Calvert Huffines, Dara Sinclair, Mary Ada Kidd, Andy Kidd, Travis Bryan, Sandra Stewart

Absent – LuAnn Chambers, Elden Bonnett, Mason Holland, Arty Allen

Visiting – David Johnson

Opening Reports:

Review and approval of October Executive Minutes: Carolyn to email October minutes to committee members. Members replied via email; October minutes approved.

Review and approval of October Finance Report: Denise distributed the October Treasurer's summary with an ending checkbook balance of \$11,076.09. Committee chairs to work on 2025 budgets and submit by next week. Discussion about venmo, square, and phone number issues regarding accepting credit card payments for L&W functions. Rick made a motion to approve the October finance report; all approved.

Partners Meeting Presentations:

November – 45 in attendance at the meeting. Rick and Dara to present the Habitat Plan to the board on November 12. This will be made available to the community via Friday News.

December – Jim Pryor's annual report.

2025 Topics (items of interest-birds, trees, bears, bugs)

February – Dara-native plants (speaker), bats, or another topic

March – (TBD)

April – Mark Warren

May – snakes

June – BT whiskey-Chris Feldt

August- (TBD)

September – marble history (Andy to contact speaker)

October – (TBD)

November – (TBD)

December – Jim Pryor

Board Liaison Report – Sandra reported that the board hopes to have a budget by the end of November. A reminder that the deadline to vote on the two CCR's is December 6.

Mission, Vision, Planning

Beach Recreation Area Update – this is on hold, Rick to make recommendations. A drawing which is large enough to see the total area is needed. It was suggested to send the file to the UPS store and have them enlarge the drawing. There are many ideas but most of them are related to silt control. Other recommendations include a longer dock, possible floatables in the lake, and cutting down some trees around the pavilion. The area being considered is from the dock by the pavilion at the lake to the bocce ball court.

Executive Team Positions /organization plan for 2025 - open positions include replacements for Rick, Mary Ada, and LuAnn who have served in their respective positions for many years.

Budgets – look over and send to Brian within the next two weeks.

Sub-Committee Updates:

Fundraising – Tamarack Treasures schedule as follows:

Collections November 4th, 5th and 6th from 10-11 am on the lower level of Club Tamarack.

Set up November 7th and 8th with 3 pre-sale items available for purchase by volunteers from 4-5 pm on November 8th. Sale date is November 9th from 9-2 pm. November 10th is 50% off from 1:30-3:30 pm. Home décor and Holiday decorations are upstairs and everything else for sale will be downstairs.

Wildlife – completion of the annual deer counts which was done on three nights with counts of 47, 42, and 42 for an average of 43 deer per square mile, which is up from 39 deer per square mile last year.

Lakes – No projects currently. Still need to remove the smaller fish. The dock is being repaired at Sallie Doss.

Streams – oxygen and PH are good, sediment low and alkalinity high. The lake is down a foot and the streams are low, but healthy.

Silt Project, Silt Study, Rocky Creek Dam (boat dock area), Mulligan Restoration - the board would like an analysis of the sediment conducted since there are suspicions that the golf course is a contributing factor to the sediment into the lake. A sediment sample will be taken from Sallie Doss, the boat dock area, and Mulligan. To get a true sample of where the silt comes from, the sample should be taken up the stream not near the lake.

Special Events – Employee luncheon on October 30th was well received.

Sign-up sheets for Holiday party on December 6th \$15.00 per person.

Habitat Conservation – seeding at Sallie Doss, Spillway, Admin, and the bat house.

- 15 new “natural habitat area” signs with a QR code reference to our website for more information on the area.

- Cameron Park area (area near Admin and Smoky the Bear sign) will experiment with eight-foot, bird safe, deer exclusion fencing. Dara to send an email to Michael Corey as a reminder that no fires are allowed in BT. Dara to ask Taree to promote the Cameron Park area to the community (easy walk). Possible workday to clean up this area. Send a trail map of this area to Sandra for the directory if available.

- Ferns from Mulligan planted at the back gate.

- Planted blue-eyed grass (a type of Iris) at Admin.

- Dara sent out an email on Residential Plantings-different levels of certification with a sign in the homeowner’s yard to those who participate. (Instructions on how to begin...and what follow up would be needed.)

Trails – Dara to consult with Mason about tree selection for Chestnut Cove.

The upper area of Beaver Run needs some work – suggested to build steps from lumber on hand.

KBTB – landscaping committee for the renovated cottage area April/May 2025 to consist of Dara, Lue, Mary Jane and Andy. Topsoil and gravel will be needed along with a Firewise model and native plant info garden. Volunteers needed for the annual outdoor holiday decoration install will be held Friday, November 22 at 9:00 am, meet at Admin.

Sunshine – Two get well cards were mailed.

Membership Support – send hours to Meghan. Approximately 700-800 volunteer hours year to date.

Adjournment: 5:08 pm